(e) the details of the measures being taken by Government to check such a huge infiltration taking place every month?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) The problem of illegal migration from Bangladesh (erstwhile East Pakistan) to India has been in existence since post independence days. According to available information, Bangladeshi nationals have been using the porous Indo-Bangladesh border to entre into India illegally. It is difficult to make a realistic estimate about the exact number of such illegal Bangladeshi immigrants because they enter surreptitiously and are able to mingle easily with the local population due to ethnic and linguistic similarities.

(d) As per information available, the number of overstaying Bangladeshi nationals who were deported to Bangladesh during the last three years is as follows:-

2005	—	14916
2006	—	13692
2007	—	12135

(e) A number of measures have been taken by the Government to curb the problem of infiltration of Bangladeshi nationals into India. These include:-

(i) Construction of border roads, border fencing and flood lighting.

(ii) Round the clock surveillance of the borders by Border Security Force (BSF) patrols (both land and riverine).

(iii) Setting up of 1185 Border out-posts of which 802 out-posts have already been established.

(iv) Introduction of modern surveillance equipments including night vision devices.

(v) Developing arrangements with the Government of Bangladesh to undertake coordinated management of borders, especially where fencing is incomplete or not feasible.

Mega city policing project

1017. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the increasing series of bomb blasts in various parts of the country, Ministry is considering an early execution of Mega city policing project and extending it to cover all major cities in the country;

(b) if so, the position of implementing this policing projects;

(c) the States that are covered; and

(d) by what time it would be fully implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The Mega City policing is a component of the scheme for modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme), a non-Plan Scheme being implemented by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Mega City policing covers 7 (seven) cities namely Mumbai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata and Ahmedabd. Assistance is given to States for Mega Cities based on individual city-specific plans formulated by the States and approved by the Central Government. Under MPF Scheme financial assistance is given to 6 (six) Mega Cities except Delhi for acquiring vehicles, communication equipments, weaponry, equipments like Night vision devices, GPS/GIS for dial 100 system and patrol cars, surveillance camera systems, CCTV systems, security equipment like portable x-ray machines, vehicle scanner, vehicle number plate identification system, etc.

For the NCT of Delhi, funds are released to Delhi Police for modernisation of Police Forces under a separate modernisation scheme for UTs, starting from the year 2006-07.

Meeting over the issue of Gorkhaland

1018. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently some political persons had a meeting with Government on the issue of "Gokhaland";

(b) if so, the details of the meeting; and

(c) whether Union Government has given any assurance to the delegation on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) The first round of tripartite discussions on the demands made by Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) and others regarding Gorkhaland issue was held on September 8, 2008 at the behest of the Government of West Bengal. The representatives of the State Government of West Bengal, Union Government and others concerned, including GJM, attended the meeting. The tripartite meeting was held to enable GJM and the other parties to put forth their viewpoints on the issues involved so as to provide better understanding of the same to the representatives of the State Government as well as Government of India.

Special Squads to tackle terrorism

1019. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether direction has been given to set up Special Squads to tackle terrorism;